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TOPIC KVP in Gera

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REMARKS

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1. Between 11 November 1953 and 20 January 1954, the Technische Werke on Keppler Strasse in Gera were occupied by an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 KVP personnel. Training was regularly conducted at the Lusan athletic field and at the Tinz firing range. In the morning of 8 January, about 250 KVPs with field packs were seen marching in the direction of Ober-roepisch. In the morning of 15 January, about 260 KVPs marched in the same direction. After leaving the town, the detail practiced march security, with 3 men each proceeding to the right and left of the road, followed on the road by a group of about 16 men who marched about 100 meters ahead of the column.

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2. The following motor vehicles were identified at the installation and in the town:

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3. About 7 p.m. on 18 December, two boxcars arrived at the Gera railroad station from the direction of Glauchau. One of the cars carried an escort detail of 16 KVPs while the other car had a warning flag indicating that it carried explosives, which were subsequently transloaded on three trucks by the escort detail. During transloading operations the lights of the freight station and of the trucks were switched off.

[REDACTED] Comment. An infantry regiment and the tank and SP regiment of Infantry Division Erfurt have been carried in Gera. March practices were conducted in the course of routine winter training which started in early December 1953. [REDACTED]

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